

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the consideration of the pending application. The Examiner is also thanked for the telephone interview with Applicants' representative on June 17, 2011. The Final Office Action dated June 27, 2011 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 30 are hereby amended. Claim 28 was canceled previously. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-27 and 29-46 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 10-12, 15, 17, 19, 20, 29-35, 38, 42, 44, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,210,894 to Brennan (*Brennan*) in view of US 2001/0021534 to Wohlstadter et al. (*Wohlstadter*). The Office Action rejects claims 2, 3, 5, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Brennan* in view of *Wohlstadter*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,565,813 to Garyantes (*Garyantes*). The Office Action rejects claims 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Brennan* in view of *Wohlstadter*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,017,696 to Heller (*Heller*). The Office Action rejects claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Brennan* in view of *Wohlstadter*, and further in view of *Heller* and U.S. Patent No. 5,440,025 to Marx et al. (*Marx*). The Office Action rejects claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Brennan* in view of *Wohlstadter*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,624,815 to Grant et al. (*Grant*). The Office Action rejects claims 39-41 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Brennan* in view of *Wohlstadter*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,545,531 to Rava et al. (*Rava*).

During the telephone interview of June 17, 2011, the Examiner indicated all the pending claims would be in condition for allowance if Applicants accepted the Examiner's proposed amendments to independent claims 1 and 30. For the sole purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants submit this response to present Examiner's proposed amendments to claims 1 and 30. As such, Applicants believe that all the pending claims are in condition for

allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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